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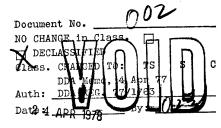
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- 1. The Communist Tarty in Lebanon is reportedly reorganising to prepare for more difficult and pressing circumstances. Training is being carried on in the use of a code made up of a certain number of words, cook standing for a meaning different from its literal one. Members are also being trained in the delivery of messages under strict supervision, even in the midst of a crowd in the street or in a public meeting, and in the detection of strangers enoug them. The man in charge of these exercises is a Frenchman called "Francois" who reportedly teaches in one of the schools in Beirut. He is assisted by Fu'ad Qasan who had ample experience in this respect in the underground movement in France during the ver.
- 2. The Egyptian Communist paper, <u>Kifah al-Unel</u>, publishes anti-American and anti-British articles regularly. Copies of the newspaper are then sent to subscribers in Syria, Lebanon and Ireq, for the most part through the Yugoslev diplomatic pcuch. Sometimes, however, copies are unapped inside other Egyptian newspapers and sent by open mail. Communist leaders in Lebanon receive the paper and circulate/enong their friends.

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